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Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital \$1,000,000
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HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Count of Directors—
D. Collier, Esq., Chairman,
J. J. Sturges, Esq.,
Chow Tung Shing, Esq.,
Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895. [7]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL \$1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$500,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL \$250,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON NEW FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 12 Months, 4 per cent.
" 6 " 3 " "
" 3 " 2 " "
DEPOSITS RENEWED ON OLD TERMS.

J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [8]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$1,000,000
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INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.
" 6 " 3 " "
" 3 " 2 " "
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 16th September, 1895. [9]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$5,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$10,000,000

COUNT OF DIRECTORS:
J. KRAMER, Esq., Chairman,
A. McCONACHIE, Esq., Deputy Chairman,
Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Esq.,
G. B. DOWELL, Esq.,
M. D. ECKEL, Esq.,
R. M. GRAY, Esq.,
D. R. SASSON, Esq.,
N. A. SIEBS, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai—J. P. WARD, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED
On Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1895. [43]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 per
cent. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [48]

INSURANCES.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First
Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [70]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000
The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
&c. Policies granted to all parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 24th May, 1895. [59]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

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EQUAL TO
RESERVE FUND \$315,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
LEE SING, Esq.,
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.,
MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1895. [157]

Intimations.

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED.

Sole Eastern Agents for
SPRINTOR GRIP ARMOURD HOSE.
SNOWDON, SONS & CO. "SNOWDRIFT" MANT.
Sole Eastern Agents for
THE NEW WIRE WOVE ROOFING CO.
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CANVAS CORE PACKING (Tuck Form). SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.
ASBESTOLINE, the most economical lubricant.
ALL GOODS BEARING TRADE MARK GUARANTEED.
W. JACKSON, Manager.
Hongkong, 26th September, 1895. [189]

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FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervi-
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Certified Guides are in attendance at both Hotels.
THE CLUB HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.

C. T. BENNEY, Manager, YOKOHAMA. L. DEWETTE, Manager, TOKYO. [16]

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THE MANAGER,
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
Hongkong, 27th July, 1895. [164]

CHRISTMAS NUMBERS.

THE SKETCH, WITH TWO BEAUTIFUL PRESENTATION PLATES.
PEARS ANNUAL, WITH THREE PRESENTATION PLATES.
LOW'S ANNUAL, WITH A PLATE AND CALENDAR FOR 1896.
KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1895. [16]

Intimations.

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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BY SUBSCRIBING
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THE SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY WILL PAY
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to the legal representatives of the European holder of this COUPON in the event of his death by
Accident on or before the 31st December 1895 while on land within the confines of HONGKONG
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as furnished to the Company for the Three Months ending 31st December, 1895; that the
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occurrence of the Accident; and that notice of death, with full particulars, is sent within fourteen
days of its happening to Mr. J. Y. V. VERNON, Hongkong. It being declared that \$1,000 only
will be paid in respect of any one death.

This Coupon is valid only in advance by
the Proprietors of The Hongkong Telegraph.

J. Y. V. VERNON,
AGENT.
Hongkong, 1st October, 1895. [1350]

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & CO'S CHAMPAGNE.

In cases of 2 doz. plus \$35 per case.
do " " quarts \$33 " "

SHEWAN & Co.,
Agents. [634]

Hongkong, 13th May, 1895.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.

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15, QUEEN'S ROAD.

CHAMPAGNES, HOCKS, RUM,
SHERRIES, MOSSELLES, GINS,
PORTS, WHITE WINE, LIQUEURS,
CLARETS, BRANDIES, BITTERS,
BURGUNDIES, WHISKIES, ALES & STOUTS.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1895. [919]

THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY.

PRIME BEEF and MUTTON.
CORNED BEEF and TONGUES.
AUSTRALIAN PICKLED HOG'S TONGUES.
AMERICAN BUTTER in Rolls and Pats.
GAME, &c., &c.

SHIPMENT AND COAST PORT ORDERS WILL HAVE PROMPT ATTENTION.
J. TATAM,
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1895. [1349]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
IN accordance with Section 120 of the Articles
of Association, the General Agents, with
approval of the Consulting Committee, will, on
the 2nd January, 1896, issue INTEREST
WARRANTS of \$5 per SHARE, PAYABLE
at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION, the same being at the rate of
10 per cent. per annum on the Paid-up Capital
of the Office for the year 1895.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY
will be CLOSED from the 14th instant to the
31st instant, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. HUTTON POTTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1895. [1748]

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the
above COMPANY will be held at THE DAIRY FARM
HOUSE, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on FRIDAY,
the 27th instant, at NOON, for the purpose of
presenting the Report of the Directors and
Statement of Accounts to the 30th November
last.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 14th instant to the
27th instant, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. HUTTON POTTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1895. [1748]

PUNJAB MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above
COMPANY will be held at the OFFICE of the
Company, Connaught House, on SATURDAY,
the 28th December, 1895, at 11 A.M., for the
purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors
and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th
September, 1895, and for the Election of Directors and
Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES B. DUNCAN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1895. [1772]

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE FIRST YEARLY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS called for NOON on
SATURDAY, the 14th, is POSTPONED to
NOON on SATURDAY, the 28th instant.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. HUTTON POTTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1895. [1741]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of the COMPANY will be held in the BOARD
ROOM of THE HONGKONG DISCOUNT
ROOM, on SATURDAY, the 28th day of December, 1895,
at NOON, to confirm the SPECIAL RESOLU-
TION passed at the Extraordinary General
Meeting held this day.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1895. [1746]

NEAT and ARTISTIC BONBONNIERES

Hand-painted on SILK and SATIN.
Most Varied and Elaborate Designs.
Prices within the reach of everybody.
Inspection invited.
E. RICCO & Co.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1895. [1749]

Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

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Will give
TWO PERFORMANCES
of
ARTHUR W. PINERO'S Pantomime Farce
"DANDY DICK"

ON
THURSDAY, 26th December, 1895.
SATURDAY, 28th December, 1895.

Commencing each Evening at 8 P.M. precisely.
Messrs. C. H. GRACE, V. A. CASAR-HAWKINS,
R. BURNETT, F. CLARK, S. L. DARR,
A. S. C. MANNERS and W. S. FROWD.
Mrs. J. ANDREW, Mrs. V. A. CASAR-HAWKINS,
Miss M. DICK-MELBOURNE and
Mr. ALFRED WROTTELEY.

TICKETS can be obtained at the Theatre
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the 19th December.

Boxing Office open each day from 10 A.M.
to 4 P.M.
Prices \$3.00, \$2.00 and \$1.00.
Late Trans 15 minutes after each Performance.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1895. [1743]

Intimations.

XMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875,
the Undermentioned BANKS will be
CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business
on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 25th
and 26th instant respectively:—

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA,
LIMITED,
J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
Hongkong Agency,
L. SIMON,
Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED,
HONGKONG,
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1766]

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FRENCH CONFECTIONERY.

Crystallized Fruits, Baked Almonds,
Cocoettes, Almonds Flots,
Apricotines, Marzipan Almonds,
&c., &c.

CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS—
Vanilla Creams, Honey Creams, Caramels,
Nougat Pilscher, Pineapple Chocolate,
Chocolate Walnut,
Fruit Biscuits, Fruit Boxes and Fancy Boxes,
&c., &c.

"TANSAN," the New Japanese Table-Water
which contains 8 per cent. more iron carbonate
than that from any other Chalybeate Spring.
FLETCHER & Co.,
"THE PHARMACY,"
23, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 10th October, 1895. [1743]

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THE EDITOR,
MESNYS CHINESE MISCELLANY,
No. 2, The Bund,
Shanghai, 22nd November, 1895. [1646]

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IS now in a position, in his New and Com-
modious Premises, to supply, at moderate
prices, ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART, PRACTICED
in the Colony or in any part of the Far East.
GROUPS and VIEWS
a speciality.

Amoy, 2nd September, 1895. [1749]

Notice of Firms.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.
FROM This Date, during the absence of Mr.
JAS. B. COUGHTRICK from the Colony,
Mr. GEO. L. TOMLIN has been appointed
ACTING SECRETARY to the Company.

A. McCONACHIE,
Chairman.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1895. [1703]

NOTICE.

MY Brother Mr. EDMUND HUMPHREYS,
my Son Mr. HENRY HUMPHREYS,
Mr. HART BUCK and my Nephew Mr. JOHN
AMBROSE, JUNIOR, of the City of London,
being absent, I, JAMES B. DUNCAN, do hereby
appoint Mr. J. D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers of the Company.

J. D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1895. [1745]

Advertisements.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

THE HONGKONG INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 25th and 26th instants respectively.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

N. J. EDEY,
Secretary,
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LD.

B. C. T. GRAY,
Acting Agent,
NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.

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Secretary,
CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LD.

SHEWAN & CO.,
Agents,
YANGTSEK INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LD.

GEORGE L. TOVLIN,
Acting Secretary,
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

WM. MACBEN,
Manager,
THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1895. [1790]

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

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Special attention paid to
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FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION.
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For terms, &c., apply to
THE MANAGER.
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Macao, 19th December, 1895. [1792]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND
SOERABAYA.

THE Steamship
"HANTUNG,"

Captain Frampton, will be despatched
TO-MORROW, the 20th inst., at 10 A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, 19th December, 1895. [1775]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT D'ARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Steamship
"TSINAN,"

Geo. Ramsey, Commander, will be despatched
on SATURDAY, the 21st inst., at Noon.
The attention of Passengers is directed to the
Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer.
The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the
Engine, and the Second-class Saloon is situated
afterside of the Engine. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures
the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire
voyage.

A fully qualified Surgeon is carried and the
Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, 19th December, 1895. [1773]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship
"CHIHLI,"

Captain Anderson, will be despatched on
SATURDAY, the 21st inst., at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, 19th December, 1895. [1791]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship
"NAMO,"

Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, the 22nd inst., at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 19th December, 1895. [1794]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR SHANGHAI AND NAGASAKI.

THE Company's Steamship
"YAMASHIRO MARU,"

Captain J. B. Macmillan, will be despatched as
above on SUNDAY, the 22nd inst., at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, 19th December, 1895. [1792]

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"GLENFARG,"

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Passengers, and carries a Doctor and
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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 19th December, 1895. [1793]

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ITALIAN AND AMERICAN MARBLE AND
HONGKONG GRANITE CEMETERY
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Intimations.

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HONGKONG.

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made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.

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other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1895. [1850]

THE
HONGKONG DISPENSARY

has just received FRESH SUPPLIES of

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CONFECTIONERY

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DELICIOUS SWEETS,

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Together with the Latest Novelties in

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CONFECTIONERY and CONSERVES,

in Large Assortment,

from the BEST PARLAIAN HOUSES.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1895. [1850]

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1895.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Really this is too bad! Uncle JONATHAN

on the war-path and anxious to measure

part of Great Britain to take territory
which that Commission had adjudged as
belonging to Venezuela. The President
concluded by saying that he keenly
realized the gravity of the possible con-
sequences of this proposal. The Message,
it is added, was heartily applauded by
the members of Congress.

The fact of the President of the
United States referring in a Message of
this kind to "the gravity of the possible
consequences of his proposal" shows that
the American Government was endeavoured
to settle the matter amicably with Lord
Salisbury and failed, and that, therefore,
the United States Government having
somehow arrived at the conclusion that
Venezuela will be unfairly dealt with,
and that it is their business to protect
her, the gauntlet has been thrown down,
and for the first time since the great
Civil War we now find our cousins ready
and, apparently, anxious to go to war with
the "tarnation Brits."

The whole thing may end in smoke
though, for it is hardly conceivable that
for the sake of a small slice of
Venezuela we should risk a "brush" with
our neighbours, who, for political reasons
only, may be making a bit of dear old
England. It is conceivable that this
bluster may be an electing device, and
all this "war talk" may have its
genesis and exodus in the "talk talk" of
which our cousins are so fond about election
time. We are bound to admit, however,
that the fact of Congress loudly applaud-
ing the Presidential fireworks indicates,
probably, that the Yanks mean business
this time. A day or two hence we should
be sufficiently informed of developments
to be able to forecast the events of the
near future with a good deal more
accuracy than is at present possible.

What has Mr. JOHN WORRELL CARRING-
TON, C.M.G., done to merit the Chief
Judgeship of Hongkong? Why doesn't
he stop in British Guiana and try to settle
the boundary difficulty with Venezuela
and our bellicose American cousins?
What has he done for the powers that
be at home to cause them to create him
a real, live Commander of the Order of
St. Michael and St. George? Why was
not Mr. ALFRED GOSNOLD, C.B., or Mr.
W. M. GOODE, C.B., (Attorney General)
appointed to succeed Sir FIELDING
CLARKE? These are questions which ran
through our weary brain when we first
glanced over Reuter's message on this
subject, which will be found in another
column. Is this a case of "merit before
seniority"? Or is it otherwise?

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND ON THE
WAR-PATH.

LONDON, December 17th.

President Cleveland in his Message to
Congress says that in view of Great Britain's
refusal to accept arbitration in regard to the
Venezuelan frontier, he recommends Congress
to appoint a Commission to determine the
true frontier. It would then be the duty
of the United States to resist by every means
in their power any attempt on the part of
Great Britain to take territory which that
Commission had adjudged as belonging to
Venezuela. The President concluded by saying
that he keenly realized the gravity of the
possible consequences of this proposal. The
Message was heartily applauded by Congress.

THE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE FOR
HONGKONG.

Mr. John Worrell Carrington, C.M.G., the
present Attorney General of British Guiana,
has been appointed Chief Justice of Hongkong.

(From Japanese Papers).

THE "THALES" INCIDENT.

TOKYO, December 10th.

The British Minister, acting on instructions
received from home, has been in communication
with the Japanese Government in regard to the
Douglas Co's steamer *Thales* by a Japanese
man-of-war in the Formosa Channel. The
British Minister asked the reason, and Marquis
Satoh replied that the Japanese Government
acknowledged that the action of their man-of-
war was contrary to international law. They
expressed their regrets that the incident had
occurred, and announced readiness to make
compensation.

NATIONAL DEFENCES AND EXTRA
TAXATION.

TOKYO, December 4th.

To raise funds for the increase of the army and
navy and building defences, the tax on salt will
be largely increased, and less will be charged
on only on temporary such as houses, boats,
land, houses, ships, and so forth, but upon the
registration of births and marriages.

FORMOSA.

TOKYO, December 4th.

Governor-General Katsura will return from
Formosa shortly in order to co-operate with the
Ministry on matters concerning the government
of the island.

THE MINISTRY.

TOKYO, December 4th.

Rumours are still current of changes in the
Ministry. It is again rumoured that Count
Matsu will retire in consequence of the state of
his health. If Marquis Ito remains Premier,
however, it is not likely that Count Matsu will
leave the Ministry. There are hopes of inducing
Count Ito to withdraw his resignation, it being
held among the members of the Government
that there is no one who can so fully occupy his
place. The majority of the officers of the
Military and Naval Departments are said not to
be opposed to the continuance of Count Ito in
office, and are, moreover, unwilling to meddle in
political affairs.

TOKYO, December 10th.

It is stated that Marquis Satoh, Minister for
the Navy, tendered his resignation a few days
ago. Rumour says that the Marquis will be
appointed a Privy Councillor, and that Count
Katsura, the Governor-General of Formosa,
will fill the vacancy in the Cabinet.

THE TOKIO WATERWORKS.
SCANDAL.

TOKYO, December 10th.

The Tokio Municipal Council has passed a
vote of want of confidence in Governor Mura
as the result of a resolution introduced by the
committee appointed to investigate the circum-
stances of the scandal. The investigating
committee has also proposed that all the Coun-
cillors and members of the Assembly should
resign as being to some extent responsible.

The resolution impeaching the Governor was
passed unanimously.

As a consequence of the passage of the resolu-
tion given above, Governor Mura, after receiv-
ing permission from the Home Office, has
dissolved the Assembly.

MARQUIS ITO.

TOKYO, December 10th.

The health of Marquis Ito is again reported to
be indifferent, and it is improbable that he
can return to his official duties as early as was
anticipated.

It is reported that Marquis Ito, the Premier,
will return to Tokyo on condition that he may
resign at the close of the year's session of the Diet.

WAR-CLOUDS! WAR-CLOUDS!

UNCLE JONATHAN v. JOHN BULL.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN VENEZUELA.

THOUSANDS OF NATIVES OF BRITISH GUIANA
IN DANGER?

EARNEST APPEALS FOR ASSISTANCE SENT IN
EVERY DIRECTION.

CLEVELAND ON THE WAR-PATH!

DUNRAVEN SAYS HE'LL HAVE A QUINT
AT THE SHOW.

Our "War Special" in British Guiana wires,
under date 17th December, as follows:—

Venezuela Government refused to concede
one inch to British. Salisbury said ferocious
ultimatum, but Venezuela Government laughed
at it and informed him that he'd better
settle the matter with President Cleveland, who
offered (because he thought it might help the
Democrats through at the next general election)
to protect Venezuela against the whole world, and
all that therein is. Fancy that! Greatest
excitement prevails here. Expect an American
Army and 300 huge American ironclads almost
immediately, if not sooner. Our Police Judge
is in a fever and says he'll clear out to
Hongkong. He is a C.M.G. and a tower of
strength to the government. At present there
is only an old wooden British gunboat in
port, 5 American war-ships, a Peruvian iron-
clad, a Korean war-junk, and any number of
native craft. Situation critical. Agitation once for
the *Tuam*, *Wharfedale*, *Linnet*, and *Ridgely* to be
sent here to save us. You might also advise
that the *Victor Emanuel* be sent over as a
receiving ship. Then when the "hosts of the
neighbouring republic swoop down on us all the
Brits here could get on board the *Victor*
and be towed by the *Tuam* to a place of safety.
You should also try to enlist sympathy of the
Volunteers and send at least a score of them,
with China ponies and a Maxim gun. No time
to be lost. The American Eagle is screaming
already and your know what that means. Lord
Dunraven is reported to be coming over in the
V. Iphigene to have look at the scrap. He thinks,
and hopes, the Yanks will get the worst of it!
Now, hurry up! Write columns!

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"GUM"—O.K. Will publish your letter to-
morrow. Too late for this issue.

DR. NOBLE returned to the colony to-day from
the Straits, and at once resumed business.

TO-MORROW afternoon, in connection with the
Hongkong Football Competition, "I" Company,
R.B., will play 12th Company, S.D., R.A. I
kick-off at 4.15.

A COOK who was charged at the Magistracy
with stealing a tin basin from the scene of the
fire in Queen's Road Wednesday morning, was
sent up this morning for two months.

INVITATION cards have been issued for a grand
dinner to be given at the Hang Fa Lau on the
31st inst., to celebrate the seventy-fifth
anniversary of the birthday of our distinguished
fellow-citizen Mr. Wong Shing.

The members of the Staff and Departmental
mess will give a smoking concert in their mess-
room to-morrow (Friday) evening at 9 o'clock,
which promises to be a most enjoyable affair.

A capital programme has been arranged, and
the well-known hospitality of the mess is
sufficient guarantee of the good treatment their
guests will receive.

We are indebted to the courtesy of the Secretary
of the General Chamber of Commerce for the
information that his Excellency the Governor
has received a telegram from H. B. M. Minister
at the Court of the Mikado advising him that
medical inspection in Japanese ports of vessels
hailing from cholera infected ports in Korea and
Formosa ceased yesterday.

The performance by the A.D.C. of Pinero's farce
"Daisy Dick" on Thursday evening, December
26th, promises to be a pronounced success. Those
taking parts are amongst the best amateurs
in the Colony, and no pains or expense has been
spared to make the play run smoothly and to
arrange the accessories to the very best
advantage. Booking proceeds apace at the Box
Office, City Hall, and there will probably be a full
attendance. The performance will be repeated
on the Saturday following.

At the Magistracy this morning, a plumber was
charged with extortion. A water-inspector
looked at the tap in a shop and warned the
occupant to be careful not to waste water. The
plumber came along soon afterwards, told the
shopkeeper that a warrant was to be taken out
for him for wasting water, but offered to square
the matter for \$5 or \$6. The shopkeeper gave
him \$5. The Worshipful Magistrate, after
attempting to bribe justice, and sentenced the
plumber to three months imprisonment.

M. SPEYER, the newly-appointed Russian
Minister to Korea, was at Tokyo on the 11th,
but was to leave for Seoul in the course of the
next few days. He is appointed to the Korean
capital for a term of five years.

Twenty-five persons were this morning
charged by the Police with breaches of the
"light and pass regulations" and subjected to
fines by the Magistrate. They were mostly
respectable shop-coolies or servants.

At the Regular Meeting of Eothen Mark Lodge,
No. 264, E.C., held yesterday afternoon, Bro.
P. R. Simmonds was elected W.M. for the ensuing
year. Wor. Bro. A. O'Donnell was re-elected
Treasurer, and Bro. J. R. Gribble, Tyler.

MESSRS. Butterfield & Swire's new steamer
Wahu, 1,298 tons, arrived here from Greenock
this morning in command of Captain Frampton.
The *Wahu* is a good carrier, substantially built,
and will doubtless prove a very useful addition
to her owners' fine fleet of China coasters.

The Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders
will give another of their most enjoyable smoking
concerts at their rooms, Praya Central, Saturday
evening, December 21st, and the success already
attending their concerts gives promise of a most
enjoyable evening on that occasion.

A somewhat serious error crept into the para-
graph published in our last issue relating to the
recent seizure of opium at the Steamboat Co.'s
wharf. It was the Steamboat Co.'s Preventive
Officers who made the seizure, not Excise
Officers; and the Opium Farm's taster deposed
that the opium produced in Court had the same
odour as the Farmer's drug but not the same taste.

The hearing of the case will be resumed in the
Police Court at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.
Mr. Dennis will watch the proceedings on behalf
of the Farmer and Mr. Grist will appear for the
defence.

The arrangement between the Nippon Yusen
Kaisha and the Osaka cotton-spinning companies
with regard to the carriage of cotton from Bombay
came to an end last month, says the Kobe
Chronicle. As the result of negotiations between
the cotton-spinners and the steamship company,
however, the previous arrangement has been
renewed for another two years at the same rate
of freight. It will be remembered that the agree-
ment was that members of the Cotton-Spinners'
Association were under penalty to import all
their Indian cotton by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha
steamers at a certain fixed rate of freight.

An inquest was held this afternoon by Mr. T.
Sercombe Smith, coroner, on the body of a
Chinese woman who committed suicide yester-
day while being taken to the Police Station on a
charge of kidnapping. The detective stated
that, at her own request, she was allowed to ride
in a chair, and that when in Wellington Street
he saw her bleed freely from her neck. An
accident had occurred, and she was taken to the
Hospital, but when he arrived there he was told
she was dead, and was ordered to take the
body to the Mortuary. The chair-coolies
gave similar evidence. The hearing was then
adjourned until to-morrow morning in order to
get medical evidence.

We have received a copy of the twenty-ninth
annual report of Dr. Barnardo's famous Homes
for the homeless and friendless waifs and strays
of the streets of London. At present there are
no less than 5,000 little ones under the care of
this great public benefactor. During the now
dying year 14,806 homeless young street
"arabs" have been provided with lodging, and
28,261 free rations have been served out to
these Bedouins of the modern Babylon. Dr.
Barnardo is naturally proud of the fact that
during 1895 724 well trained boys and girls
have been sent out to our various colonies, to
(as it were) begin again the battle of life with
good prospects before them. The Treasurer of
this very deserving institution will gratefully
acknowledge the smallest sum which may be sent
to him at Stepney Causeway, London.

"CHINESE TRADESMAN": There is no doubt
Night Pass regulations cause your country-
men a great deal of inconvenience and probably
considerable pecuniary losses in various ways.
But what is the use of writing letters to the
papers and kicking up a row when your
own countrymen don't stick together and
make a determined effort to get the regulations
modified through the proper channels. If we
are correctly informed, some of the leading
members of the Chinese community met the
Inspector of Chinese a few days ago, and in-
reply to certain questions expressed the opinion
that the regulations were doing no harm and
that they thought no useful purpose would
be served by modifying the rules which you
and hundreds of others protest against. You
should find out about this. It seems, from what
we hear, that the Inspector of Chinese was not
averse to modifying the regulations, until he
found several bigwigs approved of them in toto.

"THE TONG-VAH HOSPITAL": There is no doubt
that the Tong-va Hospital, which was opened
on the 11th inst., is a most successful and
valuable institution. The hospital is situated in
Queen's Road East, last night. About a hundred
and fifty sat down to the well-spread tables, all
branches of the Army as well as the men-of-war
in harbour being represented. The meeting
that followed, presided over by the Rev. G. J.
Williams, was attended by a large and equally
representative audience. As many of the
military present will be leaving the colony next
week the gathering was a farewell one for them
as well as a welcome to those who had recently
arrived. The programme consisted of choruses,
songs, recitations, and addresses, the speakers
giving words of kindly advice and warning to
those who were leaving as well as to those who
remained. At the close of the meeting a vote
of thanks was proposed and warmly carried to
the friends who had kindly provided the tea,
and who had contributed by their help towards
the very enjoyable evening.

The Provincial Treasurer of Canton, Shing
Tung-ming, died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning
in his yamen. He has been sick for many days,
and was attended by many experienced doctors,
but no human effort could prolong his life. He
was appointed acting Governor to succeed Ma
Fai-yao, who died about a month ago, but
owing to indisposition had not taken over the
scale of office.

A NEW member has been added to the Tsungli
Yamen, Wu Ting-fan, from the province of
Anhui. He was for many years in the Tsungli
Yamen, first as Under Secretary, and then as
full Minister. He was degraded in 1883, at the
same time as Prince Kung.

THE "THALES" INCIDENT.

YOKOHAMA, December 18th.

The facts of the *Thales* incident, if not already familiar to our readers, will be sufficiently explained by the documents printed below, both of which appeared in the Japanese language in the *Official Gazette* of the 9th instant. The occurrence had evoked criticism in the columns of English local journals in the East, and there had been an assumption on the part of the critics that the British Government were neglecting their duty in not exacting full explanation, apology, and pecuniary reparation from Japan, in that Japan was playing fast and loose with Great Britain's just demands. Neither hypothesis being in the least degree tenable, we did not concern ourselves to offer any comment. The facts and the methods adopted in dealing with them were certain to be known to the public before long, when, says the *Yokohama Mail*, from which this report is taken, it would be at once seen that the two Powers concerned had acted, the one with all expedition and pliancy, the other with a full sense of responsibility and justice. In laying the documents before our readers, it is only necessary to call attention to the following details:—The incident occurred on the high seas between Amoy and Taiwan on the 21st of October; an explanation was sought from the Japanese Government by Her Britannic Majesty's Representative in Tokyo on October 24th; on November 6th the Japanese Government replied, acknowledging in the frankest terms that "the acts committed by the Commander of the *Yuyeyama* were wholly without warrant, in contemplation of International Law," "regretting exceedingly that the occurrence should have taken place," and declaring their readiness "to fully compensate the *Thales* for the wrong suffered." If all international complications could be settled with a similar display of promptness, courtesy, and justice on both sides, the world would be happier. The following are the documents:—

NOTE VERBALE.

The British steamer *Thales* having left Taiwan on the 20th of October with eight hundred passengers, mainly women and children, was stopped 15 miles from Amoy, by the Japanese cruiser *Yuyeyama*, before daybreak on the following morning, and a search crew was placed on board by the Commander of the cruiser. The Commander wished to take out seven passengers, against which the Master protested.

The Commander of the cruiser then insisted on placing two officers on board, and after a detention of ten or twelve hours, allowed her to proceed to Amoy on condition of holding the men he required at the disposal of the Japanese Consul authority for that port.

Her Britannic Majesty's Consul of course demanded that the men claimed by the Commander of the Japanese cruiser should be delivered to him, and that having been done, set them at liberty.

Her Britannic Majesty's Minister has now received instructions from his Government to inquire what explanation the Japanese Government have to offer respecting the stoppage of a British ship on the high seas by a Japanese vessel, and her search and detention.

Tokyo, October 24th, 1895.

The Imperial Government have not failed to take into very serious consideration the Note Verbal which His Excellency H. B. M. Minister did them the honour of presenting to them on the 24th ultimo, in reference to the search and detention of the British steamer *Thales* by the Japanese man-of-war *Yuyeyama*.

Full reports of the attending circumstances of the case are still wanting, but sufficient is known to enable the Imperial Government to determine that the incident occurred on the high seas, and that the *Thales* was at the time on a voyage from Taiwan to Amoy, China.

From the meagre information at hand, the Imperial Government are led to believe that the acts complained of were the result of a misapprehension of instructions, but setting aside once for all any discussion of incidental points, the Imperial Government hasten to acknowledge that the acts were, in contemplation of International Law, wholly without warrant.

They regret exceedingly that the occurrence should have taken place, and are prepared to fully compensate the *Thales* for the wrong suffered.

The instructions which the Imperial Government are issuing to their vessels-of-war will make a repetition of the incident impossible, and while easing their warm appreciation of the considerate manner in which the event was brought to their attention, the Imperial Government venture to hope that the explanation and reparation which they offer will prove satisfactory to H.B.M.'s Government.

The Gasmuho, November 6th, 1895.

Calcutta Opium Sales for 1896.

Sale.	Dates— On or about.	Patna. Crop.	Total.
1st	2nd January 1895-96	1,635	1,635
2nd	3rd February 1895-96	1,635	1,635
3rd	2nd March 1895-96	1,635	1,635
4th	1st April 1895-96	1,635	1,635
5th	1st May 1895-96	1,635	1,635
6th	1st June 1895-96	1,635	1,635
7th	1st July 1895-96	1,635	1,635
8th	1st August 1895-96	1,635	1,635
9th	1st September 1895-96	1,635	1,635
10th	1st October 1895-96	1,635	1,635
11th	1st November 1895-96	1,635	1,635
12th	1st December 1895-96	1,635	1,635
Against in 1895	17,694	426	18,120

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11th	1st November 1895-96	1,635	1,635
12th	1st December 1895-96	1,635	1,635
Against in 1895	16,935	2,225	19,160
Grand total 1895			39,000
Grand total 1896			39,000

Grand total 1895

Grand total 1896

THE REGENERATION OF THE AMERICAN MERCANTILE MARINE.

It is a very remarkable fact that, whilst the progress of the United States has been in almost every respect phenomenal, they have never possessed a mercantile marine worthy such a great nation. Statistics show that there has been a steady decline in this respect for the last thirty years. Indeed it may be said that the mercantile marine of America has been in many ways discredited. The people themselves have been constrained to refer to the fact with an air of undisguised regret. Why is this? There is no appreciable reason why the Americans should not possess a fair share of the carrying trade of the world. The mercantile community of this great Republic bear the reputation of being a pushing, reliable and substantial body; their efforts of late years to construct a navy of their own on more modernized principles than hitherto have been crowned with success. Only a few months ago one of their largest ship-building firms turned out two steamers, now employed in the Trans-Atlantic trade, which for size, speed and magnificence hold their own against all competitors.

Quite recently attention has been directed towards methods by which the mercantile marine can be expanded so as to be proportionate to the advances made in other commercial respects. On October 23rd the annual meeting of the "Vessel Owners and Captains' National Association" was held in Boston, Mass., when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"Whereas, the merchant marine of the United States has for a number of years been constantly on the decline, and

"Whereas, the foreign merchant marine of the United States has almost ceased to exist; and

"Whereas, ship owning and ship building, both of steam and of sail tonnage, have become unprofitable; and

"Whereas, supposed differences exist between ship owners and the officers and seamen of the United States relating to the encouragement of the merchant marine are deemed to be ineffectual; and

"Whereas, a great many remedies have been suggested which are inharmonious and inconsistent;

"Now, therefore, we, the members of the Vessel Owners and Captains' National Association do hereby respectfully petition the President, Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States to appoint a Commission of persons interested in and with knowledge of the merchant marine of the United States and all interests connected therewith, who shall hold meetings, and make such inquiries as are deemed by them desirable, and report within one year from its appointment to the President, Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, on the present condition of the merchant marine of the United States, and the interests intimately associated therewith, and report on such revision of the laws of the United States and make such recommendations as will be deemed by them to be proper and necessary and desirable in order to improve and encourage the shipping industry of the United States and to regulate the relations existing between the different persons, corporations and individuals connected therewith, including the relations existing between ship owners, masters, officers and seamen of the aforesaid merchant marine."

In the preamble it will be noticed that supposed differences exist between the various classes employed in the mercantile marine, also that the laws and policy of the United States relating to the maintenance of the Merchant Service are not considered sufficiently effective, and, finally, that the proposed remedies are inconsistent. Our contemporary, the *New York Maritime Register*, to whom we are indebted for the foregoing information, has dealt editorially with this question. The editor strikes a key-note when he attributes the decadence to the fact of the clashing of local interests and consequently thinks a *modus vivendi* is practically out of the question. This cause has been so apparent in some particular instances that those most interested have ceased to agitate for reforms. But fortunately the evil of local and vested interests becomes futile when the masses are awakened to the fact that in the present state of the development of the country it becomes an imperative necessity to provide for the expansion of foreign trade to prevent commercial stagnation, and then the immediate revival of shipping interests is unavoidable. In America to-day, the agitation for the provision of a purely national Mercantile Marine has become one of the burning questions of the hour, and it is, we read, hoped that by the union of all interested in making direct representations to Congress steps may be taken to effect the much-needed regeneration of the once mighty American Mercantile Marine.

Why Dr. Bedloe lost his job.

The following, signed "Webb," from a copy of the *Boston Journal* of the 7th November received by the *Copie* yesterday, will interest many of our readers who were at a loss to understand why the brilliant, indefatigable and genial Dr. Ed. Bedloe was recalled by the United States Government from Amoy.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6th.

There is now in this city a gentleman who is a continuing rebuke to Josiah Quincy, the gentleman whom that conspicuous supporter of the Administration, the *New York Evening Post*, characterizes as the "leader of Congress."

Mr. Quincy has recently had the audacity to appear upon the stump in Massachusetts and to talk of reform in the Consular service, and of the wholesome purpose and beneficent influence of President Cleveland's Administration upon the service. Mr. Quincy is said to be about to furnish to an amazed people additional evidence of his audacity by standing as Democratic candidate for Mayor of Boston.

No one should know better than Josiah Quincy that the Consular service needs reform; for no one has done so much as he did to corrupt it. The late Judge Gresham, when he first entered upon the office of Secretary of State, used to say to his friends, in great confidence, and sometimes almost in a whisper, that he had nothing to do with the appointment of Consuls, and all inquiries as to Consular matters were referred by him to Mr. Quincy, then First Assistant Secretary of State, without recourse or recommendation. Later, in his Administration, Secretary Gresham effectively told all comers that he had nothing to do with the selection of

Consuls, and was in no way responsible for those who had been appointed. The Secretary of State made this announcement loudly, and seemed to wish to have it posted on the outer wall of the State Department, so that the way-faring man, though a fool, could read it.

THE CASE OF DR. BEDLOE.

The reason for this change of manner on the part of the late Secretary of State became very plain soon after Josiah Quincy was appointed to office. Mr. Quincy inaugurated a policy of removing the efficient officers in the record in the Consular Service and no one was allowed to remain except that he chose to do so for political considerations. One of the most conspicuous violations of the principles of civil service reform was the removal of Dr. Edward Bedloe, of Philadelphia, as Consul at Amoy, China. Dr. Bedloe is now here. He is a man of remarkable ability, and his record in the consular service was surpassed by few. He probably knows more about China than those who appointed him to office ever will know. He has the best record of all the Consuls who have served in the Orient in recent years. His popularity and efficiency are conspicuous in the records of the diplomatic service. Dr. Bedloe's reports have been among the most interesting and valuable ever received by the State Department. His report on the growth and quality of Formosa tea resulted in materially increasing the imports of that article directly to this country, and in securing for American buyers of that beverage an article far superior and at less cost than that previously imported.

What Dr. Bedloe was at Amoy, the importation of Formosa tea increased in value over \$1,000,000 per annum. Some of the friends of Dr. Bedloe say that they have ascertained that the Secretary of State was not informed of the special character and value of Dr. Bedloe's services. It was the business of Mr. Josiah Quincy to inform him. All that Mr. Quincy, however, desired to learn, apparently, as to any Consul was whether or not he was a Republican, had Republican friends in this country. The State Department appointing officials, however, took pains afterwards to discover who the man was whom Josiah Quincy appointed to succeed Dr. Bedloe.

He was a machine Virginia politician, who had never been active in State Conventions, who had never paid any attention to the diplomatic service, or to any feature of public life except that which related to conventions and political manipulations. He was a man of ability and a shrewd politician, but he had no more fitness for the position of Consul at Amoy, China, than other political hack had. His appointment of itself was a sufficient refutation of the claim of the Administration that it is the intention to put business men in office and to improve the Consular service. The successor of Dr. Bedloe was not even a business man, but only a country Virginia lawyer.

[This last part, apparently refers to Hodge, who was arrested in France for debt and never reached the glittering shores of Far Cathay.—Ed. *Hongkong Telegraph*]

ROUND THE NEAR EAST.

THE ARMENIAN QUESTION.

A HANDFUL OF FACTS AND IMPRESSIONS.

Mr. Henry Norman, the Special Commissioner of the *Daily Chronicle*, recently visited the regions round about Constantinople. Under date Constantinople, Oct. 21st, he gives some glimpses into the Armenian difficulty, as follows:—

I pass now to two personal incidents which throw much light on the Armenian question. I was taken to call upon an Armenian who has studied abroad, taking a qualifying diploma in a special branch of knowledge—for obvious reasons I must not say anything that could identify him—and who speaks a foreign language fluently.

He plunged at once into an eloquent plea for Armenia. Home Rule. The Armenian people are very clever, they have been oppressed by the Turk, but one generation will suffice them to free Armenia. Armenia is a very rich country, full of metals, coal, petroleum, forests, and other sources of wealth. "Armenia for the Armenians"—that is what they desire, and what, sooner or later, they will have. These were his views. But England—what a disappointment!

"How so?" I asked him.

"England preferred to come to our help," he exclaimed. "Through her we were to come to our own. Now what has she done? She has deserted us. She has done nothing. She has given way before Turkish intrigue and Russian pressure. We were told that the English Fleet would come here. Where is it? It will not come. What is the use of a great power having a powerful fleet if she does not use it? England will do nothing for us—we know that quite well. It is shameful—disgraceful. But we have learned not to expect England any more."

"Indeed?" I said. "That is very interesting. May I ask what it is?"

"England wants Armenia for herself," he replied, "like Egypt. She does not want us to have it."

I laughed heartily, and my Armenian friend, rather angry, "We know," he said, "England wants it because it is her best road to India."

"Have you ever looked at a map?" I inquired. He said he had not, so I begged him, in polite terms, to do so on the first opportunity, and in the meantime not to be an ass. And I added, "It is sad to find an educated and intelligent man like you believe such nonsense. England is attempting to do a disinterested action, and I see from your conversation that she is reaping the reward that people always receive in such cases. Armenia will never be free. It is a mad notion. Do not let that it is infinitely more likely to be Russian."

"Better the Turk, a thousand times!" he exclaimed.

I was about to investigate this rather surprising opinion, when a strange thing happened. The door opened, and in walked a young Turkish officer in full uniform. I imagined, of course, a domiciliary visit, an arrest, and all that sort of thing. My host, however, sprang to his feet, grasped the officer's hand, and exclaimed, noticing my anxious face, "Don't be alarmed. This is a man to whom I reveal my innermost thoughts. He is full of sympathy with us."

"There are many Turks like him," they say when we have been talking reforms from the Sultan's wall, in turn, by their liberators. What the Armenians wish for themselves to-day, the Turks will enjoy to-morrow."

These two incidents are both highly significant. First, England's action has not only damaged her, for its weakness and vacillation, in the eyes of Europe, but it has called down upon her even the reproaches of the Armenians themselves. Second, among many members of the "Young Turkey" party there are those who are not so far from the truth as to believe that the Armenians, on the contrary, regard it with actual favour and hope, as a lever which may help to lift the burden under which they themselves are crushed.

One other point about the Armenian agitation here. There undoubtedly exists a good deal of ignorance and prejudice among the Armenians. Many of the shops closed during the last few days under threats of personal violence. Agents of the Committee have

called upon the Armenian shopkeepers and compelled them, by the actual exhibition of knives and revolvers, to put up their shutters. This action is, of course, most bitterly disapproved of by the Patriarch himself, for he well knows to what evils it may lead in the end. Naturally, also, the occasion has been seized by the ubiquitous blackmailer. In one case I know of two Armenians who called upon an Armenian shopkeeper and demanded \$50, as a fine for having opened his shop. He presented them with a *medjidie* (1s. 4d.) apiece, and they left. While I am on the other side of the picture, too, I may tell another story. An Armenian doctor was arrested and thrown into prison. There he languished for two years, until the young lady to whom he was engaged went to the wife of the foreign Ambassador and pleaded his case so touching and so convincingly as to cause the Ambassador to beg her husband to save the man if possible. He investigated the case, found that the doctor was innocent, and thereupon interceded personally with the Sultan on his behalf. The doctor was released, and the pair were married. Now, how had this man got into prison? With two other Armenian doctors he had been candidates for the post of resident doctor at a large mine. He had been selected, and his two colleagues, out of jealousy, had denounced him to the police. His real crime, they alleged, had not been to doctor the mine, but to poison some of the explosives used in the mine and forward them to the "rebels." In an hour he was in prison, from which he only escaped as I have described. Since then his brother has been murdered by the Turks.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The following telegrams from our San Francisco exchange were "crowded out" of last night's issue:—

PANAMA, November 15th.

The news reached here to-day from Curacao, West Indies, seventy-five miles from the Venezuelan coast, that Dr. Rojas Paul has formulated a formidable revolutionary plan and that the first blow of the insurrection will be struck to-day simultaneously in Curacao, Coro and Maracaibo, and in the various other districts in the interior.

Dr. Rojas Paul is the leader of the opposition to the administration of President Castro, and his plans are reported to be perfect in every detail. He is now in Curacao, where he is conducting operations.

PARIS, November 15th.

M. Berthelot, according to the *Matin*, is desirous that his department, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, should settle the question of the legality of proceedings in the case of John M. Walker as soon as possible. The desire is brought about by the fact that the United States Government is insisting upon a definite reply to its representations.

NEW YORK, November 15th.

The family of Walker, now imprisoned in France, received a letter to-day, dated October 16th, in which Walker gives a gloomy account of his condition. He says the newly-appointed director of the prison has, in view of his condition, arranged so that he can purchase such ration of food as will be necessary for his health, but he is obliged to pay for it out of his own pocket. He is unable to protect him against the cold, and he urges his family to send him money at once for these uses, so he can receive it before the middle of November. This appeal found Mrs. Walker in a state of destitution.

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Clad in a dark blue serge dress and wearing over it a travelling coat of blue broadcloth, trimmed with sable, the Duchess of Marlborough ran up the gangway of the North German Lloyd steamship *Fulda* this morning with the liveliness of a school girl beginning her vacation. Her cheeks were rosy, her eyes sparkled with excitement, and her movements expressed opportunity for health and happiness. She was looking forward to a time when she would be able to see the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and to such lengths has it driven the populace that the officials of the steamship *Fulda*, on which the couple will embark to-morrow, have taken extraordinary precautions to keep people away.

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The *Herald's* St. Petersburg cable says: A *Novoye Vremya* special from Vladivostok reports the discovery of a seal poisoning conspiracy on a gigantic scale in the Kommandovsk and Sea Islands. Officials supposed to guard breeding-places are alleged to have killed seals and sold the blubber to poison merchants.

The *Sun's* London correspondent cables as follows: Almost unanimous satisfaction is expressed in London over the severe rebuke given to Sir Joseph Renals, the retiring Lord Mayor, by the Common Council on Thursday. Their refusal to pass the customary vote of thanks by the decisive vote of 75 to 50, is a rebuff which no occupant of this historic city has received during the present century. Moreover, there is some very plain speaking about the manner in which Sir Joseph Renals had lowered the dignity of his office. One councillor called attention to the fact that he had scarcely taken his seat before he allowed his name, with his official title, to be advertised as chairman of a company for insuring against loss of liquor licenses, an action which was all the worse because he, as Lord Mayor, was himself a licensing magistrate. He also called attention to a list of companies, all of which have now been wound up. His last and most grievous offence, of course, was the Barony Barato dinner fiasco last week. There has been no abatement of public resentment over the Lord Mayor's attempt to make a national hero of this successful speculator, and popular feeling has found strong expression in the action of the Common Council. The rebuff to Sir Joseph Renals is part of a movement, which is popularly supposed to have no public functions remaining beyond the duty of consuming large quantities of green turtle soup at the city's expense, may have the effect of postponing the further curtailment of the power of the old city of London's institution.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
CHRISTMAS SALE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, ON SATURDAY, the 21st December, 1895, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, DUFFELL STREET, A FINE LOT OF LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S GOLD and GOLD PLATED and SILVER WATCHES, WALTHAM MOVEMENT, and WATER-BURYS, &c., &c. A quantity of JEWELLERY, &c.

Also A QUANTITY OF FANCY GOODS, Consisting of—BRONZES, VASES, JARDINIERS, FANCY GLASS WARE, ALBUMS, TOYS, &c., &c. SUITABLE for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. On View on SATURDAY, from 9 A.M. TERMS OF SALE.—As customary. GEO. F. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 16th December, 1895. [1770]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 518.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on MONDAY, the 21st day of December, 1895, at 3 P.M., are published for general information. By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th December, 1895. [1769]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 21st day of December, 1895, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 99 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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Shipping.

STEAMERS.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship "SACHSEN." Captain H. Sommer, due here with the outward German Mail about the 19th instant, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival. For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 14th December, 1895. [1714]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI. (Passing through the INLAND SEA.) THE Company's Steamship "HOHENZOLLERN." Captain P. Wettin, will leave for the above Ports on or about FRIDAY, the 20th instant. For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 14th December, 1895. [1713]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR GENOA AND MARSEILLES. THE Company's Steamship "CLAM." Captain D. T. Davis, will be despatched as above on or about the 30th instant. For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 12th December, 1895. [1746]

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THE Company's Steamship "FORMOSA." Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 20th instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 19th December, 1895. [1781]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI, VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers, at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, HANKOW and PORTS on the YANGTSEK.) THE Company's Steamship "ORESTES." Captain Palford, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 20th instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 19th December, 1895. [1774]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, VIA PORTS-OF-CALL.

THE Company's Steamship "MOYUNE." C. Kemp, Commander, will be despatched, as above on or about the 19th instant. For Freight and/or Passage, apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 9th December, 1895. [1712]

"WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship "LENNOX." Captain Williamson, R.N.R., will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 21st instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised. For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1736]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship "KUTSANG." Captain Payne, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 24th instant, at 3 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1783]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship "TRUFER." Captain Riley, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 24th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1782]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAVRE, LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship "RECTAN." Captain N. Hocken, will be despatched as above on or about the 27th instant. For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 10th December, 1895. [1796]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship "BENGLOE." Captain Thomson, will be despatched as above on or about the 28th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1786]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 A.L.L. American Ship "EMILY F. WHITNEY." Parsons, Master, shortly expected from SHANGHAI, will load here for the above Port, and will be despatched by end of December. THE "100 At Steel 4-Masted Barque "TORRISDALE." Buchanan, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 21st November, 1895. [1809]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A.L. British Ship "BRODICK CASTLE." Ferguson, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to SHEWAN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1808]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 A.L.L. American Ship "JOHN R. KELLEY." Captain Chapman, having arrived, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 21st November, 1895. [1808]

Consignees.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM MIDDLESBORO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship "GLENESK." Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 25th instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 1st January, otherwise they will not be recognised. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1788]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship "KUTSANG." Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 20th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [1784]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEWPORT, GLASGOW, MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

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